PRESIDENT: I have to invite the attention of the honourable member to the fact that the question is that whether this supplementary grant should be granted now. A question of policy cannot be discussed at this stage. I understand that the main objection of the honourable member is that it should have been included in the budget.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): That is one objection. Again I wish to bring to the notice of the House the case of certain schools in my taluk which have not been given grants.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I rise to a point of order. The question is only whether this grant should be allowed or not. The question of grants to the schools in his constituency is not before the House.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): The demand as moved by the honourable member is not acceptable to the House. He himself has suggested that the amount is not sufficient.

PRESIDENT: The Director says that it will suffice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): I would urge upon the attention of the honourable member that he should pay special attention to those schools which have been started at the instance of the department, in the matter of awarding grants.

PRESIDENT: Will the Director say why it was not included in the budget?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): This cut of 14 chackrams was sanctioned only after the budget was passed by this House. So the whole question arose only after that.

The demand was put and carried and the grant made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,596 for the appointment of temporary additional staff in the office of the Public Service Commissioner, and for contingencies.

As the House is aware, the Public Service Commissioner was appointed towards the end of the last year. He was given a small staff to begin with. His present staff consists of a Manager, three clerks, one stenographer, one typist, one daffadar, one mochee and 12 peons.

The Public Service Commissioner has so far been engaged in preliminary work. He has completed the recruitment rules, part of which has already been published and the rest will be publised shortly. His real work begins only hereafter. He has to prepare a number of registers; he has to prepare a list of acting hands, showing therein those who have acted for more than three years and the period of acting service of each of the rest which has to be taken into consideration at the time of selection of candidates for recruitment. He has to conduct examinations for recruitment to the Intermediate as well as to the Higher Division.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Public Service Commissioner has made any appointments either in the Intermediate Division or the Higher Division?

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RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has not made any appointment so far. But he has submitted certain recommendations which have been accepted by Government.

Mr. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know on what basis he has made those recommendations?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the basis of the rules which are to come into operation shortly. He has practically followed the principles laid down in the rules which have been sanctioned by Government but which have not yet come into operation.

Mr. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Has he got the appointing power?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has not got the appointing power. He will only select candidates and send the names to the appointing authorities.

Mr. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Is there any instance where the Government differed from the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. But it is open to Government to differ from his recommendations.

Mr. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know in what departments the Public Service Commissioner has made his recommendations?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In the department of Co-operative Societies and the office of the Superintendent of Fisheries. He has also been asked to make recommendations in regard to the recruitment of constables and head constables in the Police Department.

Mr. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the matter of making recommendations for appointments in the Co-operative Department, may I know whether the Public Service Comissioner has issued memos to all applicants who have applied as per the Government notification?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably the member wants to know whether the Public Service Commissioner has interviewed all the applicants. I think he has not. He must have scrutinised the applications and made out a list of the candidates to be interviewed, on the basis of the information contained in the applications. He might have granted interviews only to some and not to all. From the information furnished by the applicants, he was able to make the selection. It was not necessary for him to interview *all* the applicants.

Mr. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Who made the scrutiny?

RAO RAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Public Service Commissioner must have examined the class and the marks obtained by the different applicants in the examinations they had passed and other particulars given in the applications and certificates. If sufficient details were wanting in the applications they must have been called for. The period of acting service put in by the applicants must have also been considered in selecting the candidates.

Mr. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Have not Government issued circulars in this connection?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government had issued circulars to Heads of Departments to say that the appointments, if at all made, should be made only temporarily. The direction is that the Heads of Departments should not make appointments permanently. But to meet contingencies, they may make appointments temporarily, but such appointments are open to review by the Public Service Commissioner when they are to be made permanent.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether departmental heads have made appointments after the Public Service Commissioner came into existence?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government instructed Heads of Departments that they should not make appointments permanently. They might have made appointments temporarily, and all such appointments will come under review by the Public Service Commissioner. Such appointments might have been made temporarily to meet unavoidable and urgent demands

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Is the Public Service Commissioner to nominate persons on his own initiative or according to the instructions of Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Public Service Commissioner has been asked to nominate persons as per the rules.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether Government have instructed him to nominate candidates to all departments or to a particular department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In the case of Co-operative and Police Departments, the Government definitely told the Commissioner that he should make the nominations. The Government also issued a circular to all Heads of Departments that all permanent appointments should be made only on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the reasons that weighed with Government in asking the Public Service Commissioner to make nominations in regard to Co-operative and Police Departments?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because in these two departments a number of new appointments have been sanctioned.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): In the rules to be published regarding nominations, is there provision whereby Government could play their part independently of the Public Service Commissioner?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is such a provision in the rules.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Has anybody been appointed accordingly?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): After the issue of that circular, may I know whether any departmental head defied that circular?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have explained to the House that the departmental heads were given the liberty to make appointments temporarily, and they might have done so. But there is also a provision that such temporary appointments are open to review by the Public Service Commissioner when they are to be made permanent. Instances of the violation of these instructions have not come to the notice of Government.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether Government have made appointments independently of the Commissioner in any department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : How many?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : Can the member give out at least a few cases?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member may send in an interpellation on this subject and it will be duly answered.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether appointments made by Heads of Departments have been cancelled and other persons substituted in those places on the nomination of the Public Service Commissioner?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have not cancelled any appointment. But some persons who were appointed temporarily by Heads of Departments might have been disbanded.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether any persons, who were appointed in *permanent* places, were asked to go as per this circular?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) ; Government are not aware of such instances.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether, in the recent recruitment of constables in the Police Department, the appointments were cancelled by Government? I know of cases where the constables were supplied with uniforms and subsequently disbanded.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They were not appointed permanently.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is any appointment known as "temporary appointment" either in the Military Department or the Police Department?

PRESIDENT : Whenever a vacancy occurs or an appointment has to be created or a fresh recruit is to be appointed, the Head of the Department hasgot the authority to make the appointment temporarily. The Public Service Commissioner has power to review the appointment made by the Head of the Department in that connection and see whether that appointment was satisfactorily made. That is the position.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know how many places are reserved as "temporary"?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In spite of the explanation from the Chair, I am sorry the member is repeating the same question in a different form.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Recently, in the Police Department, some constables were recruited temporarily, but they were disbanded after some time and fresh men were appointed. I could not understand what the Government member means by saying that the Heads of Departments could appoint men temporarily.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Even if there is a permanent vacancy in a particular department, it is open to the Head of the Department to put in a man temporarily, to meet the immediate demand.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the history of the Police Department, may I know whether the Police Commissioner has made any appointment as a temporary one in the constabulary?

PRESIDENT: You are talking perhaps past history. Is it before the appointment of the Public Service Commissioner that you want to know about the appointment made by the Police Commissioner?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I want information, both before and after the Public Service Commissioner came into existence, of any instance where the appointment of Police constables was made temporarily.

PRESIDENT: You are recalling ancient history and modern history at the moment. Ancient history has vanished and modern history is the Public Service Commissioner.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I was stating ancient history, but I am also coming to modern history.

PRESIDENT: But the member should confine himself to matters which have come into operation.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the appointments made by the Police Commissioner were made permanently or temporarily?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government had instructed the Police Commissioner to make appointments if at all only temporarily until such appointments are reviewed by the Public Service Commissioner. I take it that the Commissioner of Police must have made those appointments only temporarily.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government member read out the Government circular sent to the Police Commissioner in that connection?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The circular was sent to all Heads of Departments including the Police Commissioner.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): I rise to a point of order. The grant relates to the appointment of temporary additional staff in the office of the Public Service Commissioner and contingencies. May I know whether these superabundant details of facts, as is now asked for, are relevant to the present issue?

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Before a ruling is given on this point, may I be permitted to explain? When, as a matter of fact, the Public Service Commissioner is doing nothing, we must be convinced of the nature of the work he has done so far and the work he is going to do hereafter.

PRESIDENT: In opposing this demand, the House has certainly got a right to know whether the bulk of work before the Public Service Commissioner would justify the enhancement of the staff which has already been placed at his disposaland which was mentioned by the Government member. To that extent, of course, every discussion will be relevant. What is the work the Public Service Commissioner is expected to do in the future, what he has been doing in the past, has that work been considerably added to for the future and for that purpose does it require any additional staff; these, in short, will be the main issues before the House when it is considering this demand. But the recruitment by the Police Commissioner and the disbandment of certain people afterwards, whether they were taken as permanent men or temporary men; these are minor details which certainly are not relevant for the purpose of considering the supplementary demand. Therefore, let the House confine itself to the main discussion, the main discussion being the need for this additional staff. If we confine ourselves to the main issue, it will save our time.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): May I answer the question by Mr. S. J. Nair? He wanted me to read the circular to the heads of departments.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I wanted the order sent to the Police Commissioner.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already stated that it was a general circular to all Heads of Departments, including the Police Commissioner. It was issued on the 27th June 1935.

> "The attention of the Heads of Departments and Offices is drawn to G. O. Dis. No. 893/Genl., dated 25th June 1935, relating to recruitment to Public Service and they are requested not to fill vacancies which existed on the date of the G. O. or which may arise thereafter except temporarily. These vacancies should be reserved for recruitment by the Public Service Commissioner proposed to be appointed".

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know the duration of these appointments, whether it was under the contemplation of Government that these appointments should be temporary or whether they should be only till the Public Service Commissioner has completely framed and formulated the rules?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): To be temporary till the Public Service Commissioner makes his recommendations for permanent recruitment. A person might have been appointed as an acting clerk 6 months ago but if the Public Service Commissioner has been asked to select a permanent hand for that place, he will not send away the man who has been acting without considering

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his claims for the permanent appointment. He will certainly consider his claims as well as those of other applicants and if he finds that the acting man has better claims, he will be appointed permanently ; and if not he will be sent away. This is the meaning of the circular.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) Was it in the contemplation of Government that these appointments shall be considered to be temporary only till the Public Service Commissioner has framed the necessary rules ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It was not the intention of Government that the Public Service Commissioner should interfere with these temporary appointments. The intention was that he should review such appointments after the rules have been brought into operation and that till then he should not interfere with the temporary appointments except when he is specially asked to nominate candidates for permanent recruitment in particular departments, for example, the Police and the Co-operative Departments

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Will the Government give exactly the reasons which induced them to call upon the Public Service Commissioner to make his own appointments before the rules were framed ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Police and the Co-operative Departments are the only departments in which a large number of fresh hands were sanctioned since the appointment of the Public Service Commissioner and Government thought it advisable to ask him to make recommendations on the basis of the rules which he has framed and which Government have approved.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether Government have instructed the Heads of Departments not to make any appointments without consulting the Public Service Commissioner ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is the circular dated 27th June 1935 which was issued long before these appointments were made.

PRESIDENT : That was read out just now.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As the circular definitely stated that all new appointments should be made only temporarily, there was no necessity to issue any special instructions.

MR. K. R ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : In that case, have the Government to cancel all the appointments ?

PRESIDENT : That issue does not arise at all under this supplementary demand.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottyam I*) : May I know the special provision in the rules ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I cannot answer that question now. The rules have been published. it is a bulky volume.

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MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) . In the rules it is laid down that Government reserve to themselves the right to appoint anybody without regard to the rules. What I want to know is whether Government will be pleased to explain what those conditions are.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am unable to explain all the conditions now.

PRESIDENT : It will all be explained after this grant is made.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the Police Commissioner has violated the circular now read out by the Chief Secretary ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He must have made the appointments only temporarily and hence it cannot be said that he has violated the circular.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : If he had not violated the circular, where was the necessity to interfere with his appointments by the Public Service Commissioner ?

PRESIDENT : You are entering into details.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : Only one portion of the rules has been published. May I know whether the other parts will be published ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Surely. One part has been published ; and the other part also will be published within a short time. And a notification will be published announcing the date on which these rules will come into operation; and I hope it will not be very long before they can be brought into operation.

The Public Service Commissioner has got only a limited staff : and the work he was attending to till now was only the preparation of the rules and other preliminaries. His real work will begin hereafter. He has to prepare a register of acting men showing their acting period. He has to conduct examinations for recruitment to the Intermediate and Higher Divisions of service.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Has no list of acting men been prepared by the Public Service Commissioner as yet ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He has not completed it. He has called for lists of acting men from the various departments and they have to be tabulated and consolidated.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Has the preparation of the list begun ? When will it be finished ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It will take a long time if the list is to be completed with the existing staff.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know what these five clerks were doing all this time ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They had enough work to do.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The rules that have been prepared must have engaged them for a pretty long time.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the rules are prepared by the Public Service Commissioner or by the clerks?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Commissioner certainly requires the assistance of clerks and peons.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether a peon or clerk has anything to do with the preparation of the rules?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Everybody has to do something or other with it. The clerks have to help the Commissioner in framing the rules. It will not be possible for the Commissioner alone to examine the files, prepare notes, draft the rules, type them and do such other things.

The Commissioner asked for a large additional staff. He wanted 2 clerks on Rs. 75-100, 3 clerks on Rs. 40-70, 9 clerks on Rs. 25-40, one typist on Rs. 25-40, one attender on Rs. 15-20 and 5 peons on Rs. 9-11.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know whether this was in addition to the existing staff?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Government carefully considered these proposals and placed them before the Finance Committee with certain reductions and the Finance Committee applied their own axe and made further reductions. What is now asked for is one clerk on Rs. 40-70, five clerks on Rs. 25-40, one typist on Rs. 25-40, one attender on Rs. 15-20 and 2 peons on Rs. 9-11. The Commissioner wanted the whole staff to be permanent; but the present proposal is only to appoint them temporarily from the beginning of Edavam to the end of this year. This question will naturally come up again before the House when provision is made in the budget for 1112. As I have said, the demand of the Commissioner has been cut down both by Government and by the Finance Committee, and it is only a small additional staff that has been provided for in the supplementary grant.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When was the Commissioner expected to begin the real work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As soon as the rules come into operation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether Government had expected or fixed any time-limit within which the rules should come into operation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was not possible to fix a time-limit. Neither the Government nor the Commissioner had any idea of the volume of the work to be done; and so Government did not fix any time-limit for the rules to come into operation.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was it expected that they will come into operation within three years?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The rules have been completed and it will not be long before they can be brought into operation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) What was the expectation of the Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government had no expectation. The Commissioner was expected to complete the rules as soon as possible and he has done so. A portion of the rules has already been published and the other portion is going to be published soon. In the course of a month or so, all the rules can, I think, be brought into operation. It is for this purpose that the additional staff will be sanctioned if the House would pass the grant.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know whether the Commissioner is satisfied with the reduced staff?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not consulted the Commissioner as yet. If this staff is sanctioned, he may be satisfied with it for the present and probably may ask for more staff later on.

He has also applied for a small allotment under contingencies. The total demand placed before the House is for a sum of Rs. 2,596. I hope, after this long discussion, the House will allow the grant.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): What is the amount required for staff and that for the contingency separately?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*)

Staff—Rs. 146.

Contingencies,—	Rs.
Purchase, hire and repair of furniture.	500
Purchase of books and periodicals	200
Electric current.	100
Maintenance of electric installation,	50
Telephone charges.	
So on and so forth.	

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I rise to oppose the demand.

PRESIDENT: The House will now adjourn and meet again at 2 O'clock.

The House adjourned for lunch at 1-1 P. M. and reassembled at 2 P. M. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, in moving the demand for Rs. 2,596 under General Administration for the Public Service Commissioner's Office, the Leader of the House, I am sorry to say, has not been able to convince us, though this House knows very well that even the weakest of cases he is able to present in a way that the House oftentimes is compelled to accept. (*Hear, hear*). The very inadequacy of the justification for this demand at this time for the work of the Public Service Commissioner must be the sole reason for his not being able to convince us that this demand is necessary or regement.

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Sir, I think it will be admitted readily that, since the Public Service Commissioner was appointed by the end of last year, since that time till date, what he has done is to publish partially some of the Rules. Sir, at this rate, what should be the time required for drafting such complicated and original pieces of legislation like the Agriculturists Relief Bill or the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation or the Co-operative Societies Bill? These rules appear to be bulky as printed in the Government Gazette because they are printed in very large type. After all, what are the rules? Are they so very bulky? Are they so very complicated? Do they require so much time and expenditure of money? What has been the amount that Government have spent on this small piece of work which, it will be admitted, is the only work done till now by the Public Service Commissioner? If we take all these facts into consideration, we wi l find that no work had been done and the necessity for this additional staff which he has now asked for we are not able to understand. How these 12 peons who now exist have been of help to him in the matter of drawing up these rules, we do not know. How an addition of two more will further help the matter, we are at a loss to understand. We do not know how the number of clerks or the Manager have been of any help to him. I do not think these people are able to help him in the drafting of the rules. If it is a matter for the collection of preliminary materials necessary for drawing up these rules, they have done their work and these clerks and the Manager are now available for any other work. They should be able to turn their attention to other work necessary to be done within the next two months, and I do not think any further staff is necessary.

Another matter that I wish to bring to the attention of the House is that, without knowing exactly the rules regarding examinations and the methods of examinations that are going to be conducted and the method in which the Public Service Commissioner is going to recruit hereafter, by the test of examinations or otherwise, without knowing about all these and certain basic facts and figures regarding these, we cannot know whether this staff is necessary at all, or, if necessary, whether it is adequate or more than necessary. None of these things we are able to understand. Sir, the rules have not yet been completely published. Who is there to guarantee that within the coming two months these rules will be completed? Unless we know the rules and unless we know that the Commissioner would find it necessary to hold the examinations once in a year or twice in a year or once in three years or five years, unless we know facts about these, how is the House justified in sanctioning the amount? Sir, if we are asked to vote on a demand, it must be taken that we must understand the necessity of sanctioning the demand. What is the information? What is the basis on which we are called upon to exercise our judgment and come to a conclusion as to whether this demand is adequate or necessary? Government themselves admitted that they are not aware of anything. Their idea about these matters is in a very very nebulous condition. In this

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nebulous condition, a speculation is made without any basis and we are called upon to vote. This House should refuse to vote on such a miasma. What is the amount of work that has to be done? What is the work that cannot be done by the present staff? What is the additional information, specific additional information, that the Commissioner is going to collect? Let us take, for example, one instance. If we prepare a list correctly with regard to the number of acting hands who have put in a service of three years and more in the various departments and if we calculate and find the number of vacancies that are likely to arise in these two months, we may find that, after all, there need be no further work done within the coming two months, because the Commissioner is bound to appoint these men with acting claims to the vacancies that have to be filled up. So, after the ascertainment of those figures, if there is sufficient number of people who have put in an acting service of three years and more and if the number of vacancies that are likely to arise within the next two months can be fully filled from such claimants, there is absolutely no necessity for any staff, at least for the coming two months. It will be time enough then for us to consider whether additional staff is necessary. I do concede that this matter can come up in the regular course in the Budget Session. Why should this supplementary grant be made.

The Leader of the House said that the Commissioner made very extravagant demand from which Government themselves made some cuts and then the Finance Committee applied its axe. After these various processes, we are coming to this demand of Rs. 2,500 odd. It is not to the largeness of this amount that I take objection. It may be a very large sum or a very small sum. If there is necessity for the same, this House will be prepared to sanction a large amount. The very fact that the Commissioner's demand had to be curtailed by the Government and further curtailed by the Finance Committee shows that he had made the demand without proper care. Otherwise he would have been careful in formulating the demand which would have stood the scrutiny of the Government and the Finance Committee and the amount sanctioned as a whole. From the very fact that those two bodies had to exercise their axe and cut down the demand shows that there has not been sufficient thought bestowed in making this demand. So I think it will not be wise on the part of this House to sanction this demand in as much as the reason for bringing it as a supplementary demand has not been made out.

Sir, I think nothing will be lost by throwing out this demand and nothing will be lost either by the department or by the Public Service Commissioner or the State by waiting till the regular Budget Session comes, when we will have to say much with regard to the policy of recruitment and the policy of work done by the Public Service Commissioner, which we are unfortunately prevented from doing when raising a debate or a supplementary grant. I think the House should not allow this demand except when it comes through the regular course during the Budget Session. After all, there are only two months more. I do not think that the complete set of rules will

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[Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai,]

be published before that. We are told that the Public Service Commissioner is not sticking to the rules he has formulated in the matter of appointments, if the information we get is correct. With regard to the appointments made in the Co-operative Department and various other departments, acting claims have been over-looked ; various notifications have not been issued, the very rules he has made have been violated. If this is the sort of recruitment he is going to make, then the House will not be prepared to grant any demand. We should not allow this demand. We should cut off as much as possible even in the existing allotment. Unfortunately, we are not able to do that now. I think therefore that this House will be very reluctant to pass this demand which has not been shown to be urgent or necessary. Sir, so, as there is no sufficient ground for sanctioning the grant, I urge on the attention of this House that this demand for supplementary grant should be thrown out.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, I rise to oppose the demand. No justifiable ground has been advanced for the appointment of the additional staff under the Public Service Commissioner. What is the work that has immediately to be taken up and what is the work that has been accomplished? As it is, we know that the Commissioner has not adequately discharged the duties entrusted to him for practically solving a complicated and vexatious problem. The Commissioner has not taken any action to alleviate the cries of the various communities that have been clamouring for their just representation in the public service. He ought to have promptly acted and ought not to have wasted a moment's time in framing the rules and entering upon the regular duties of his office by making recruitments directly in the service. Now, Sir, with the additional staff proposed by the demand which is before the House, the Chief Secretary says that steps will be taken up by him for actually entering upon the duties of the Public Service Commissioner. From the fact that, even with the present staff which is under-worked, he has not done anything besides the preliminary work such as the framing of the rules etc., I am surprised how he has found the necessity for additional staff, or how, with the help of an additional staff, he could more promptly and more satisfactorily discharge his duties.

Now, Sir, we cannot justify the position of the Public Service Commissioner if he had sought the help of his staff for framing rules etc., other than for collecting statistics and for preparing seniority lists of acting men. The way in which this officer has begun to work in the direction of recruitment has given dissatisfaction and much room for public disapprobation. Now, Sir, the object of the public service Commissioner and his staff is to give among the public a satisfaction as to the attitude of the Government and their work and meting out justice to the communities at large. The Government ought to have at the very same time seen that the duties and onerous responsibilities of that office and of the Heads of Departments never came to a clash. It

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is said that much loss and heart-burn have been caused by the recent unsatisfactory and much criticised appointments and recruitments in the public service, especially in the Police Department. I should think, Sir, that Government have a position which they have to safe-guard. Every menial servant and every lowest grade officer, when he is recruited as a Government servant, feels some kind of security and considers that he has become sound in his position if only he discharges the duties of his office. But if after a moment's notice after recruitment he is asked to quit his place for no fault of his, we are surprised to find that the much needed remedy has not only not been found, but insecurity, dissatisfaction, mental and physical worry and a disregard for those in authority, such as Heads of Departments, not to say of the individual loss the recruits had to bear, have been caused.

In regard to the cancellation of some recruitments in the Police Department, the Government say that no officer was at fault. There was a circular issued by Government. If it is clear that an officer has not been doing his duties properly or has violated any directions or instructions given by Government, is it not the duty of Government to take immediate action against such officer in order that such practice may not recur? Government have not done that. Instead of doing that, they try to justify their position as well as that of such an officer; and they send away, for no reason, for no fault of theirs, poor and helpless men, years after their appointment in State service. These men have expended large sums of money and come to the metropolis with the hope of getting recruited to public service, in which attempt they have succeeded and into the duties of which they have entered. But after they have served for a few days or months as constables and head-constables, they have been sent away all on a sudden for no fault of theirs, saying that such an appointment ought to have been made not by the officer who made it but by another.

I refer to these facts just to show that the Public Service Commissioner and his present staff have not justified their existence. They could have been on the alert and could have helped to avoid such gross mistakes resulting in such misdeeds. Any additional staff therefore is absolutely unnecessary.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We have got very important business to get through during this session of the Assembly. Therefore, while giving the members every opportunity to express their views, on questions relevant to the motion before the House, I feel, rather I am constrained to point out, that repetition of arguments may not be indulged in.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): I support the demand. I am really sorry that, in spite of the able manner in which the Chief Secretary put the demand before the House, my friend Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai was not convinced of the necessity for the demand. He says that, judging from the work that has been so far turned out by the staff of the Public Service Commissioner, they have not justified their existence. Sir, the Chief Secretary has assured us that the staff of the Public Service Commissioner has been overworking itself and that they

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[Mr. K. M. Kuriakose.]

are now finding it very difficult to cope with the work on hand. It is admitted on all hands that this is a work which requires speedy execution. Naturally therefore there is a demand for adequate staff to cope with the work.

Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai admits that he has not been able to know what work the Public Service Commissioner has been doing till now. Without knowing the nature of his work, how can he, I ask, say that additional staff is not necessary.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the member kindly enlighten us as to the nature of the work of the Public Service Commissioner and his staff?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): I admit, we are all in the dark in regard to that matter. But the Chief Secretary has definitely assured us that the staff of the Public Service Commissioner is being over-worked. As a responsible officer of the Government, we are not to take his word lightly.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Kuriakose admits, anyhow, that he is himself in the dark in regard to the nature of the work in the Public Service Commissioner's office. In the light of that circumstance, what is the kind of explanation that he has to offer in support of the demand?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): We have to take the word of the Chief Secretary, since he is in the know of things.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): But did not the Chief Secretary himself say that he does not know much about it?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Anyhow the Chief Secretay has given us the definite assurance that the present staff of the Public Service Commissioner, is being very much over-worked.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Is it not clear that, if the Public Service Commissioner and his staff had been having enough work, we would not have been now in the dark in regard to the work turned out in the office of the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): The point now before us is not whether the Public Service Commissioner and his staff have so far done enough work or not. On the other hand, there is the definite statement by the Chief Secretary that the present staff is being over-worked and that additional staff is required.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The point of Mr. Kuriakose is that he would take the Government's word on trust.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Yes, especially because we are not in possession of real facts.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I ask whether he considers that the work of the Public Service Commissioner is invisible?

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MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : I do not say that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I ask whether there is any justification for the Chief Secretary not giving us details of the work done so far ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I cannot allow that question because Mr. Kuriakose's opinion as to what the Chief Secretary might or might not do, is not relevant now. Mr. Asan may ask the Chief Secretary about it when he is in possession of the House.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Whether the work of the Public Service Commissioner is visible or invisible, was there not a publication in the Gazette that nobody should see the Public Service Commissioner ?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : The Commissioner's work is not like the work of an Engineer, namely of constructing a bridge or a building, which would be visible to us. Whatever work he does will be only on paper. The Chief Secretary has told us that the nature and the details of the work cannot be explained to the House in a minute or two. Sir, we have all heard a G. O. read out to us. That makes it clear that there is an apprehension on the part of Government that, before the Public Service Commissioner completes his work, the Heads of Departments may do mischief. This fact is further proved by the fact that several of the appointments made by some Heads of Departments have been cancelled by the Public Service Commissioner. Is it not therefore very necessary that the work of the Public Service Commissioner is expedited as much as possible ? Just to enable him to do that, we should allow him the additional staff that he has asked for. With these words I support the demand.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : I regret I have to oppose this demand. The Leader of the House has asked for a sum of Rs. 2,500 odd, of which a portion is for additional staff and the balance for contingencies. I shall deal with these two items separately.

As regards increase of staff, I am convinced that the demand cannot be supported. Already there are a few clerks, over and above a Manager, in the office of the Public Service Commissioner. All that they have done so far, during the last 8 months, is the preparation of a few rules. I find that the Leader of the House now assures us that some more rules have come in and that they will also be published soon. It is more or less a well-understood fact that, when an office is newly organised, for the first few months, the staff will not have sufficient work. The work will increase only gradually. I daresay that the clerks of the Public Service Commissioner's office would have had a jolly time of it during the first few months, and therefore there cannot be any serious objection to their being asked to do some intensive work during the next two months of the year for which this demand is now made.

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[Rao Sahib S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

One thing that is clear from the speech of the Leader of the House is that the Public Service Commissioner has no sense of discrimination or proportion in the demand that he has made for additional staff. Otherwise he would not have demanded five more peons when he has already twelve. I do not know how many peons he was having as High Court Judge. But I find from the Budget for 1111 M. E., that only 61 peons have been provided for all the High Court Judges together. That makes it clear that he would not have had even 12 peons as a Puisne Judge of the High Court.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Could it not be that all these peons are required for actual spade work (*Laughter*) in connection with the inauguration of the scheme?

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): If any volunteer corps has to be trained to act as a check over unruly applicants who are unable to secure jobs, I can quite understand the need for an army of peons. As it is, I do not think there is any need for more peons for the Public Service Commissioner than he is already allowed.

Then there is a demand for what is called an Attender. Sir, already there is a Duffadar. Are not the Duffadar and the present peons attending on the Public Service Commissioner? As such, I do not see any justification for appointing an Attender also.

In regard to the additional clerks, as some members have remarked, we are utterly in the dark as to the work the clerks already on the staff have been so far doing: and the Chief Secretary himself does not seem to be in a much better position than we are in this respect. Otherwise, he would certainly have come forward with definite information in his usual emphatic manner.

It seems to me therefore that the Public Service Commissioner can well wait till the next Budget Session when we can have a fuller and a better discussion of the subject.

As regards contingencies, in reply to my question to the Chief Secretary, he made mention of some *etceteras*. I am sorry that I shall not be able to vote for *etceteras*. In the first place, I should like to know how the provision in the budget for the current year, of Rs. 10,000 odd, for establishment, travelling allowance and contingencies, has been distributed under the several detailed heads. Until that information is available, I am not in a position to say whether any of the items for which demand has now been made have been already provided for adequately or not. In the result I have to oppose the entire demand in the light of my present information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I also oppose the demand. When the Public Service Commissioner was appointed, I hoped that one of the most controversial topics would be removed from this House. I now find that it has given rise to an additional topic of controversy. The Public Service Commissioner was appointed in July

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1935 for a period of 3 years, and the G. O. stated that, after that period, the whole scheme would be revised. When that announcement was made, I expected that the Commissioner would begin real work even forthwith so that there will be something at the end of 3 years to be revised. Now, after 10 months, Government come and tell us that real work has yet to begin and that so far only some rules have been framed and published and some other rules are being framed for publication. Before the fulfilment of that promise to publish all the rules, there is a demand for more staff. If really no work has so far been done and the real work is yet to begin, I do not see why additional staff should be required for that purpose unless it be that, as my friend Mr. Parameswara Aiyar said, the staff of the Public Service Commissioner has been getting on till now in a rather merry fashion and therefore probably does not want to do any work hereafter also. When the Public Service Commissioner came forward with a demand for additional staff, he should have been asked what work his present staff had done till now, whether it had sufficient work to do and whether he could give an assurance that the additional staff asked for, if provided, would have enough work to do. That does not seem to have been done at all, since the Chief Secretary has not been able to explain those details.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Is it the member's case that the Public Service Commissioner has not got enough work to do?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mave'ikara*): He has not got any work as things have gone so far, so that, even if he is going to begin real work immediately, there will be only 2 years' work to be revised at the end of the period of 3 years for which he has been appointed

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Are the Government completely helpless in making the Public Service Commissioner do work?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): That does not arise under the present discussion.

Before all the rules had been framed, the Public Service Commissioner was asked to make recommendations for some appointments. What is it that we find? He does not seem to have adopted any principle in making those recommendations. Government are not in a position to tell us how they dealt with the recommendations of the Commissioner.

With regard to the recruitment to the C. I. D. staff, I do not take any notice of it; because there was no provision for it in the original budget nor has there been any supplementary demand for that purpose till now, so that, as it is, I consider that no such appointment has yet been made. I cannot see how any such appointment could be made without the necessary provision for pay. The House is not concerned with such appointments till any demand for them is placed before it.

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[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

Sir, recruitment to public service is rather a difficult matter, so that the officer responsible for it must be a person with sufficient experience of the working of the various departments of Government. Government have appointed a Commissioner—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question of the appointment of a particular person as Commissioner does not arise now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I am not going into the policy of Government in making the appointment. I am just pointing out the reason why no work has so far been done. Government have appointed as Public Service Commissioner a new person without much experience of local conditions. And, his Secretary also is another gentleman without much experience. We can therefore know more or less what these two officers can do in 2 years or even 3 years.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In the interests of recruitment to Travancore public service, is it not better that the officer concerned has no experience of local communal affairs?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): It is communal affairs that are to be settled by this officer; and therefore he should have sufficient knowledge of conditions here. Only he should be a person who can take a detached view of things. But certainly he should have full knowledge of the actual position.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I ask whether this defect of appointing new hands for such posts is peculiar to this office alone?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I know that is the case in the present instance. I am not concerned with other cases now.

Until we are assured that the present staff will do good work at least in future, and until we are convinced that the additional staff now asked for will also have enough work to do, we cannot sanction this demand.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I oppose the demand. It has been said that the Public Service Commissioner cannot be seen by us. But it has not been stated that he cannot see us. There is provision in the Assembly Manual that the official members can, at times, appear before the House and even address the House. I am sorry that the Public Service Commissioner has not even thought it fit to be present here and attend the discussions in the House in respect of his work.

Sir, the present demand is for an unnecessary and doubtful item, for which even the Chief Secretary has not been able to explain its justification in detail. First of all, the Public Service Commissioner himself has to justify his very existence by showing us the work he has turned out so far. Recently he had to make some appointments in the Co-operative Department. He published a notification in the Government Gazette inviting applications from suitable candidates. But he did not interview or otherwise examine the applicants with a view to choose the best among them. On the other hand, he recommended some names in a most haphazard, arbitrary and autocratic manner. He seems to be entirely in the hands of a few of his subordinates.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Is it not too much, Mr. S. J. Nair, to say like that about a responsible officer like the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Anyhow, Sir, that is what one has to say judging from the results of his work so far. Sir, the Public Service Commissioner does not know anything about the people of the State. He does not know anything about the various applicants who have applied for jobs to him. And, he would not even permit any of the candidates to interview him. That is why I said that he made the selection in a haphazard manner. In British India, Sir, there is a non-official body to help the Public Service Commissioner in making the selection. There is no such body here to help, advise and guide our ignorant Public Service Commissioner. That is the main defect in the present arrangement here.

With regard to the additional peons, already he has an army of them. We do not see for what purpose he wants more peons.

With regard to the additional clerical staff that he now asks for, so far no real work has been done by them. Only some rules have been framed ; and some more rules have yet to be framed. We do not know whether it is the Commissioner himself that framed these rules or whether somebody else did it for him.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I must correct you, Mr. S. J. Nair. The Chief Secretary, on behalf of Government, has definitely stated that the Public Service Commissioner has framed these rules. So, you cannot say that you have a doubt as to whether the Public Service Commissioner framed these rules or not. You must accept the statement of the Chief Secretary.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I accept the Chief Secretary's statement for the time being, Sir. (*Laughter*).

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I am glad you said 'for the time being.' We are now concerned only with the proceedings in this House.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, for any man of commonsense the framing of such rules will not take more than a couple of hours ; because, after all, as is done in drafting Bills by the Law Member here, one has only to copy the rules in force in British India.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : Has the member any idea of the work?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I have some idea of the work of a Public Service Commissioner ; only I am in the dark as to the work that the Travancore Public Service Commissioner has been doing till now.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : Has the member any idea of the work that the Travancore Public Service Commissioner has turned out?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You need not answer that question Mr. S. J. Nair, because a member of this House speaks of a particular matter only when he has an idea of it.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): As I was saying, Sir, it would have been quite enough if the rules in British India—they are working quite satisfactorily—had been copied. As it is, some of the rules carry no meaning and are neither logical nor reasonable. These rules do not make any provision for any non-official body to render advice to the Public Service Commissioner to discharge his duties satisfactorily and to the entire satisfaction of all. So the demand for the creation of an agency of do-nothing and know-nothing as peons and clerks is most unsatisfactory. This House should refuse to grant the demand.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Sir, I do not see the reason for the complaint—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Please speak louder.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): The complaint seems to be that within the past 10 months the Public Service Commissioner has done nothing. Unfortunately, Government have not placed all facts before the House. We were agitating for a Public Service Commissioner all these years and as a result the Public Service Commissioner has just been appointed. He must be given a chance. We have been going on without a Commissioner and we know what the result was. And I think a Public Service Commissioner is indispensable for any modern State, and what we got as a result of our agitation for years we should not overselves throw out. It is only 10 months, and it is too early to decide—

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether this demand relates to the pay of the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): No. But my friend threw out a suggestion that the House should disallow even what has been already allowed. I appeal to the House that the Public Service Commissioner should be given a chance. I support the demand.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Sir, I request that I may be allowed to speak in Malayalam.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What is the usual practice?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): I speak in Malayalam as well as in English.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What is the ruling of the President on that?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): The ruling is that every time I speak I should seek the permission of the Chair.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is very sad that Mr. Varughese should be put to the necessity of asking the permission of the Chair whenever he wants to speak in this House. But that is a difficulty which he has thrown himself into by not adhering to one language. One who is between two boats is always in danger. Anyhow, I permit Mr. Varughese to speak in Malayalam, his mother-tongue. The mother-tongue need not be excluded. In the light of the ruling which has been brought to my notice, I permit Mr. Varughese to speak in Malayalam,

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): വന്നത്തിൽ നിഷ്ഠമായിക്കി
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ളിനെ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും നിയമിച്ചു. ആ നിധിയെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുന്നതിനു എത്രമാത്രം ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ സഹിക്കേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നോ എന്തെല്ലാം പദ്ധതികൾ അനുകരിക്കേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നോ യാതൊരു നിശ്ചയവുമില്ലാതെയാണ് ഈ നിയമനം നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളത്. പബ്ലിക്ക് സർവീസു കമ്മീഷണറെ നിയമിക്കണമെന്നു ജനങ്ങൾ വളരെക്കാലമായി മുറവിളികൂട്ടിയതിൻെറ ഫലമായിട്ടാണ് അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു നിയമനം നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളത്. ആ അവസരത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ ജോലിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനോ മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കോ യാതൊരു രൂപവുമില്ലായിരുന്നു. എങ്കിലും നിശ്ചിതമായ രീതിയിൽ ഒരു പദ്ധതി രൂപീകരിച്ചു സമർപ്പിക്കേണ്ടതു് ഏറ്റവും അത്യാവശ്യമായി തീർന്നിരിക്കുകയാണ്. അതിൻെറ പ്രാരംഭജോലികൾക്കായി ഒട്ടുവളരെ പണവും ഇപ്പോൾ ചിലവ് ചെയ്തുകഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. കൂടുതൽ സ്റ്റാഫിനെ സൃഷ്ടിക്കുന്നതിനായി കൂടുതൽ പണം അനുവദിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള അഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ ചില സ്നേഹിതന്മാർ എതിർക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിലും അതിൻെറ പ്രായോഗിക വശത്തേക്കുടി പരിഗണിക്കേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമാണ്. ആ നിയമനത്തിൽ എന്തെല്ലാം അപാകതകൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നാലും അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ ജോലിയിൽ എന്തെല്ലാം കുറവുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നാലും അതിൻെറ പ്രായോഗിക വശത്തേക്കുടി പരിഗണിച്ചു് ഈ പ്രാവശ്യം അവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യ അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതല്ലേ നല്ലതു് എന്നു് ഈ സഭ ഗാഢമായി പര്യാലോചിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ഇതിലും പണംകുടി അനുവദിച്ചില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഈ ജോലി എന്നു് തീരും? മൂന്നുവർഷത്തേക്ക് മാത്രമാണ് ഈ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഇപ്പോൾ അവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ചെറിയ സംഖ്യകൂടി അനുവദിക്കാതിരുന്നാൽ ഈ മൂന്നുവർഷത്തിനകം രൂപംസുതന്നെ മുഴുവൻ എഴുതിതീർക്കുമോ എന്നു സംശയമായിരിക്കുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹം ശമ്പളം വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നതനുസരിച്ചുനോക്കിയാൽ ശരിയായി ജോലി ചെയ്യേണ്ടതും ചെയ്തിക്കേണ്ടതുമാണ്. അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ സ്റ്റാഫിൻെറ ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കു് ചുരുങ്ങിയ സംഖ്യകൂടി വേണമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതുംകൂടി അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു് കാര്യനടത്തിപ്പിനു അത്യാവശ്യമാണ്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: കൂടുതൽ സംഖ്യ വേണമെന്നു ഇപ്പോൾ അവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതു് അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കാനല്ല. കൂടുതൽ ക്ലാർക്കന്മാരെ നിയമിക്കാനാണ്.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ശമ്പളം കൂടുതൽ വാങ്ങിച്ചാലും എല്ലാ ജോലികളും തനിയെചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. ക്ലാർക്കന്മാ

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[Mr. N. E. Varughese.]

ുടെ ആവശ്യമുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇപ്പോൾ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടണ പണം അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുത്തില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇതുവരെ ചിലവാക്കിയപണം നഷ്ടമായിത്തീരുന്നതാണ്. ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ സംഖ്യ പരീക്ഷാർത്ഥം അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുത്താൻ ഇതിന്റെ ജോലിയുടെ പുരോഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ബഡ്ജറ്റുകാലത്തു നമുക്കു ഗാഢമായി പര്യാലോചിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. അതിനകം ഈ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ഇവിടെ നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള വിമർശനങ്ങളും അഭ്യർത്ഥനയും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അറിവിൽപെടുന്നതാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ സഭയുടെ മൻപാകെ സമർപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ അഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ സ്വീകരിച്ച് പാസ്സാക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : രൂപംസ് ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിനുമുൻപ് നിയമിക്കണമെന്നൊ, അതല്ല,അതിനുശേഷം നിയമിക്കണമെന്നോ?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : രൂപംസുകൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിനും മറ്റുമാണ് കൂടുതൽ സ്റ്റാഫിന്റെ ആവശ്യം.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I do not wish to take much time of the House. But I think I must say a few words in reply to some of the criticisms, particularly, to remove the misunderstanding that some of the honourable members seem to be labouring under. The main argument against this grant seems to be that the Public Service Commissioner has not done adequate work till now, and, that, therefore, he need not be given any additional staff. True, Sir, I have said, and I repeat it now, that he and his staff were engaged till now mainly in the drafting of the rules and in other preliminary works connected with recruitment to public service.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know from the Chief Secretary who appointed the staff of the Public Service Commissioner ? Was it done by himself or by the Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : By the Government on his recommendation.

Sir, this is a new office altogether—a new department. To organise a new department, a good deal of time and labour has to be spent. In Travancore we had no Public Service Commissioner till now. No doubt there are Public Service Commissions elsewhere in India. But the conditions in Travancore are different. One honourable member said that all that the Public Service Commissioner had to do was to copy the rules in force in Madras. I am sorry, Sir, the honourable member who made that statement forgets the difference between Travancore and Madras. In Madras, provision has been made in the rules only for a small number of communities, not more than three or four. In

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Travancore we cannot be satisfied with that number. In our rules we have provided for 15 communities. We are still receiving complaints about some small communities not being given separate representation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I ask whether the Public Service Commissioner has to make separate rules for separate communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, the rules have to be made to suit local conditions. Conditions in Travancore are quite different from those prevailing elsewhere, so that mere copying of the rules in Madras is not enough for our purpose. One has got to read a lot of literature and form one's own conclusions regarding the provisions to be made in our rules.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): For the purpose of thinking, why does he want all these peons?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): To enable him to think. He wants peons to attend to duties which are usually assigned to such menials.

As I said, the Commissioner has done a lot of spade work. Personally I do not think that he has not done enough work during the last eight months. When you consider the fact that this is an entirely new department which had got to be organised, I do not think you can condemn the officer for not doing adequate work, judged by the standard of well-established departments, during the first few months of his appointment.

My friend Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai said that there was no urgency for the appointment of additional staff. After all, there were only two or three months more during the current year. Why not wait and make provision for the necessary staff in the budget of next year? This is his view of the case. The rules relating to recruitment have been finished, part of which has already been published and the other part will be published soon. Government hope that the Public Service Commissioner will be able to start his regular work of recruitment from the beginning of Edavam or so. My friend Mr. Asan may ask what guarantee there is that it will be so. The Government have not fixed any time-limit. The honourable members may take it from me that the work has reached such a stage that the Commissioner will be able to begin regular recruitment in about a month.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Public Service Commissioner will continue his present method of recruitment after he begins his work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If the additional staff asked for is sanctioned, the Public Service Commissioner will be able to carry on the work more expeditiously.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My question is different. May I know whether the Public Service Commissioner is to be permitted to continue his present method of recruitment in future also?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : If the member could explain the expression "present method of recruitment", I shall allow that question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : That is known to Government and everybody else.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is not enough. If the member is prepared to explain that, I shall allow his question to be answered.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : The Public Service Commissioner has invited only certain applications and considered them. He has not given notice to all applicants asking them to sit for an examination. He has simply taken a few applications and, without adducing any rhyme or reason, selected a few candidates as fit for the appointment. Is he to be permitted to continue in this arbitrary and unjustifiable manner in future also ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I will come to that presently.

As I said, the Public Service Commissioner is going to start regular recruitment from Edavam. If a few additional hands are sanctioned, he will be able to do his work expeditiously and satisfactorily ; otherwise, the work will have to drag on, and the members may then say that he has not done adequate work. If additional staff is given, I am sure he will be in a position to prepare the ground and start recruitment without loss of time.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Unbalapuzha I*) : May I know whether the clerks who were employed for assisting him in the framing of rules could not be released for other work ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They too will have sufficient work to do hereafter. I have a letter from the Public Service Commissioner explaining the necessity for additional hands. He proposes to divide his office into different sections and appoint responsible clerks in charge of them. There is to be a Confidential and Records Section for which he wants a clerk and a stenographer, a General Section for which he demands a similar staff, and so on.

He has given a clear statement of the probable number of hands he would require when the work is in full swing. Government are not going to sanction all the hands that he has asked for at present. They think that it would be possible for him to manage for the next two or three months with the limited staff which they propose to sanction.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Why does the Public Service Commissioner require a confidential staff ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If any officer requires a confidential staff, it is the Public Service Commissioner.

Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai said that the Public Service Commissioner, in making recommendations, violated the rules which he himself made. Mr. Asan also stated that the Commissioner was asked to make

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recruitments before the rules were framed. This statement is wrong. The Public Service Commissioner was asked to make nominations for appointments in the Co-operative and Police Departments only after the rules which he framed were approved by Government and published in the Gazette. It is true that those rules have not yet come into operation. But in making recommendations, the Commissioner proceeded on the basis of the rules which he framed and which Government approved and published in the Gazette.

MR. S. J. NAIR. (*Nedumangad*): In making appointments in the Co-operative Department, I think nominations were made long before the rules were published in the Government Gazette.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): May be, but the actual selection was made only after the rules were published in the Gazette.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN. (*Mavelikara*): Could not recruitments be made without the rules being published in the Gazette in future, as well?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether recruitment could not be made without conducting a competitive examination or some other test?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that examination tests were dispensed with regard to appointments in the Co-operative Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Examination tests are not necessary in all cases of recruitment. In some cases, they may be necessary. In the matter of appointment of Co-operative Inspectors, the applicants were asked to state their qualifications, the rank or the marks they obtained in the examinations they had passed, their special qualifications, the period of their acting service, the voluntary service they had under any co-operative union, etc. From all these factors, the Commissioner selected the best individuals after giving marks to the applicants for different items. The marks were totalled up and the applicants arranged in the order of these total marks. It was not necessary therefore to conduct a separate competitive examination for the selection of candidates. If it were a selection candidates for clerkship, I could appreciate the arguments for holding a competitive examination. Again, the rules do not contemplate the holding of a competitive examination in every case. It is only when necesary that an examination will be held and along with the results of the examination other factors will also be taken into consideration.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it enough that the Commissioner tests about the personal character of the candidates?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It will suffice in some cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it not necessary for the Public Service Commissioner to decide on these points before he makes the final selection?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not absolutely necessary in all cases. For the recruitment of Co-operative Inspectors I know what the Public Service Commissioner did. He allotted marks for the examinations passed by the candidates, any special qualifications they had, the acting and voluntary service they had put in, and membership of backward communities.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): How is the award of marks for examinations possible?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Suppose a candidate is a first class B. A. and another a second class B. A. Naturally the former will get more marks than the latter. It is thus possible to award marks for examination qualifications.

In every individual case, it is possible to allot marks on the basis of the information furnished. The Public Service Commissioner has got a list of persons from whom he selected the candidates, showing the marks awarded to each. It can be shown to any honourable member who wishes to see it and he could judge for himself whether each individual application was duly considered and marks awarded correctly. In this connection, I must strongly protest against the insinuations made by the honourable members against the work of the Commissioner. It is quite unfair to cast aspersions on an officer who is doing his work conscientiously and efficiently (Cries of *hear, hear*). The Pubic Service Commissioner is a very conscientious, hard-working and able officer. Without knowing the actual facts, it is uncharitable to attribute motives to the actions of the Commissioner. Some members even went to the extent of characterising his work as scandalous.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know their names?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not want to mention names. The Public Service Commissioner, I repeat without hesitation, is a very conscientious officer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Are there no others of that type under the service of Government?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is the Chief Secretary prepared to make statements with regard to other officers, whose conscience is in doubt?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When the work of the other officers comes up for criticism, I am prepared to make a statement. In this particular case, I can say without hesitation that he is a conscientious officer.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I know of cases, where servants of the Manager of his office were appointed as peons in that department. I can challenge the Government.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether clerks were also appointed in the Co-operative Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Was any competitive examination held for that?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know how the appointments were made in the clerical line?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a provision in the G. O. that one who has put in three years or more of acting service can be confirmed as clerk. The appointment of clerks might have been made on this basis. In such cases, no examination need be held.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Can the Chief Secretary assure me that all the clerks, who were appointed, had that 3 years' continuous service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If there has been any deviation from that rule, it must have been made for every good reasons. I am not able to make a statement without consulting the Public Service Commissioner. Probably the man selected was one having the best qualifications. Suppose there was an applicant who was a M. A., along with a number of others who were only ordinary B. A.'s or undergraduates. Naturally, the first would be selected in preference to the others.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is there not a provision in the rules that 60 per cent. of the appointments should be selected on pure merit, and not depending on the whim and fancy of giving marks for particular items of qualifications of candidates?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. But merit is determined not merely by the examinations passed by the candidates. Marks will be awarded for various other items also.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Suppose there is a candidate who comes out as first in the examination. Are not such a man's chances deprived by the Public Service Commissioner?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Examination is only one of the factors to be considered by the Commissioner in determining the merits of candidates.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Suppose in one item alone, a particular candidate scores the top-most mark. In that case, is not an opportunity denied to him?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A separate examination need not be held in all cases. Marks can be awarded for the qualifications already possessed by the applicants and also for other factors.

Altogether sixteen Inspectors of Co-operative Societies were appointed. After confirming those who held temporary Inspectors posts and who had put in more than three years' acting service there were four places to be filled up by fresh recruitment on a selective test.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): In regard to the allotment of marks, for merit, as it is ordinarily understood, are marks allotted for community, or acting service, or qualifications separately by the Public Service Commissioner? Have Government laid down rules for that also?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No separate rules have been laid down for that purpose. It has only been laid down that 30 per cent. of the marks are set apart for acting service, special qualifications and membership of backward communities. It is left to the Commissioner to distribute the marks among these items.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the considerations that weigh with the Commissioner in distributing marks?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Are we not raising wider issues than those contemplated in this demand?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know how, in the case of Co-operative Inspectors, the 30 marks were distributed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not able to answer that question now. The Commissioner keeps a register containing the marks awarded to each applicant. It can be shown to anyone who cares to see it. I have not got the register with me now.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Do not the Government think it too much to leave it entirely to the Commissioner?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government thought it better to leave it to the Commissioner for the present. Later on if it is found necessary to lay down definite rules, the question can then be considered. So far as Government know, no injustice has been done to any one, no rule has been violated and nothing wrong has been done in the selection of candidates for appointment as Co-operative Inspectors.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): I rise to a point of order. The question——

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You merely raise the point of order.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): The question before the House is whether we should grant a certain amount for the additional staff necessary for the Commissioner. I want to know whether it is in order to discuss other points.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): I rise to another point of order, whether Mr. Varughese is in order in that he is speaking now in English.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I have to give rulings on two points of order. The first point of order, though not chronologically, which I propose to give a ruling upon is that raised by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai whether Mr. Varughese is in order in speaking in English. I am sorry to observe that people change their minds on this important question so frequently that the business of the House is rather difficult to transact. There are certain members who sometimes talk in Malayalam and at other times in English not that the House suffers very much because of that latitude, but it is sometimes very inconvenient for members to be on the alert whether the rules are violated or not. Therefore I would appeal to the good sense of the members to make a definite, substantive choice whether they would speak in English or in Malayalam. Having told the House what they are going to do, they should adhere to it.

The second point is the one raised by Mr. Varughese whether we are not transgressing from this demand and whether it is in order or not. A certain member raised that point some time before the House rose for lunch and the President ruled that such facts and arguments may be allowed. I do not think a case has been established for me to reopen that ruling. So, for the purpose of this discussion, I propose to adhere to that ruling.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know how the Public Service Commissioner judges the merits of people who are recruited to public service ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : By the qualifications they possess and the certificates they produce.

I have only to make one more observation in regard to a point raised by Mr. Paramesvara Aiyar. Under contingencies there are several items. I mentioned only a few. But Mr. Paramesvara Aiyar wants to know the details of all items. I am prepared to read out the whole list, with details of the expenditure incurred under contingencies till now and the additional amount proposed to be sanctioned if this grant is passed. The Commissioner has spent so far Rs. 259 chs. 8-13 cash for the purchase of uniform for peons and Rs. 1089-13-12 for the purchase of furniture. He has asked for an additional allotment of Rs. 300 under the former and Rs. 500 under the latter item. Government propose to provide the amount required for the purchase of furniture alone. If additional staff is going to be sanctioned, additional furniture is also necessary. The expenditure under pay of menials is Rs. 37, chs. 7 and under electric current Rs. 33-21-14.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : Has he not till now sent up any distribution statement to Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I would object to the Government member reading out such long lists. I am not prepared to take the view that a very long list may be read out in this House. Of course individual members may like that. A few examples will be quite sufficient. Long lists and statements are never allowed in any Legislative Chamber.

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Then I do not proceed further.

The only point I wish to mention as the last word on the subject is that the Public Service Commissioner is there and that, if he is given some additional staff he will start regular recruitment from next Edavam or so. He asked for additional staff because he felt the need for it. Government also feel that some additional staff is necessary and they have therefore come to the House with this supplementary demand. If it is not sanctioned, probably he will have to continue as at present and the work will have to drag on rather slowly; and he cannot be blamed for not starting regular work of recruitment early and for not doing it as expeditiously as we want him to do. I leave it to the House to decide whether he should continue in the same manner as he has been doing till now and drag on the work for want of an adequate office staff. That is all I have to say on the subject.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question before the House is whether the grant should be made of a sum not exceeding Rs. 2,596 for the appointment of temporary additional staff in the office of the Public Service Commissioner and contingencies.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I demand a poll.

A poll was taken and the House divided as follows :—

AYES—41.

1 Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib
2 ,, K. C. Abraham
3 ,, T. K. Alexander
4 ,, V. T. Chacko
5 ,, S. Chattanatha Karayalar
6 ,, Antony George
7 Miss Hepzibah Gnanasikamony
8 Mr. M. Mahomed Haneef
9 ,, N. John Joseph
10 ,, J. M. Joseph
11 ,, T. C. Joseph
12 ,, K. C. Karunakaran
13 ,, T. T. Kesavan Sastri
14 ,, K. M. Krishnan
15 Rao Sahib Dr N. Kunjan Pillai
16 Mr. Menatheri N. Kesava Panickar
17 ,, E. K. Kunjuraman
18 ,, K. M. Kuriakose
19 ,, K. Madhavan
20 ,, K. Mahomed
21 Mr. P. C. Kuriyan
22 ,, C. Kumaradas
23 ,, G. Nilakantan
24 Srimati T. Narayani Amma
25 Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai
26 ,, K. Padmanabhan
27 ,, Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai
28 ,, R. Sambasiva Aiyar
29 ,, K. Sankaran
30 ,, S. Thiraviam Nadar
31 ,, M Sivatanu Pillai
32 ,, C. V. Chandrasekharan
33 ,, G. B. E. Truscott
34 ,, A. Thanu Pillai
35 ,, P. K. Thomas
36 ,, T. C. Thommen
37 ,, John Whiteley Tolson
38 ,, N. E. Varughese
39 ,, M. Govinda Pillai
40 Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai
41 Mr. James Simpson

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NOES—26.

1	Mr.	P. Chidambaram Pillai	14	,,	K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
2	,,	A. S. Damodaran Asan	15	Mr.	M. K. Madhavan Pillai
3	,,	A. Easwara Pillai (*Kalkulam II*)	16	,,	P.C. Narayanan Bhattatiripad
4	,,	A. Easwara Pillai (*Kottarakara*)	17	,,	K. A. Narayana Pillai
5	,,	K. R. Elenkath	18	,,	Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
6	,,	S. J. Nair	19	,,	P. K. Narayana Pillai
7	,,	T. S. Jayantan Nambootiri	20	,,	S Nilakanta Pillai
8	,,	K. P. Krishna Menon	21	,,	Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon
9	,,	Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar	22	,,	Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai
10	,,	E. V. Krishna Pillai	23	,,	V. Ramakrishna Panickar
11	,,	N. K. Krishna Pillai	24	,,	R. Raman Pillai
12	,,	Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai	25		Rao Sahib S. Paramesvara Aiyar
13	,,	T. Krishna Pillai	26	,,	T. P. Velayudhan Pillai

NEUTRALS—1.

Mr. M. K. Janardana Kamath

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Now we shall advance to Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai's motion and take up the rest afterwards.

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 15,230 for the purchase of chemicals, etc., for the Public Health Laboratory.

The Public Health Laboratory was organised on modern lines in 1109. This necessitated the equipment of the laboratory on up-to-date lines. An amount of Rs. 20,000 was required towards this, and in the budget of 1109 Rs. 10,000 was provided.

Orders were placed by the Government with Messrs. Baird and Tatlock of London. But the articles as per the indent were received only in the course of 1934 by which time the year 1109 came to a close. Orders for 1935 were placed through the Darbar Physician with some other Firms; and by the time the articles arrived, the year 1110 also came to a close and we were not able to pay the company the cost of these articles. It took some time for reconciling the discrepancies because the Firm was in London. So in the course of these two years, Rs. 20,000 lapsed and the demand was made this year to pay the company the whole amount. According to the indents, the amount comes to Rs. 21,230. The budget for 1111 for the Public Health Department contains an allotment of Rs. 8,000. Out of this Rs. 1,000 has already been spent for the routine expenditure of the laboratory. Another Rs. 1,000 was required for meeting extraordinary expenses in the preparation of cholera vaccine this year. So a balance of Rs. 6,000 only is available. The amount to be paid to the company is Rs. 21,230 and

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